Miss Virginia Dickey
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Winfield Iowa.
Aug. 18th 1880.

Mrs. T. C. H. Cairns.

Dear Madam.

Enclosed please find a certificate of my church membership. I have written the chairman of the Committee on H. M. of the Iowa City Dist'ct, requesting a recommendation such as ministers receive, who are under appointment of the H. M. Board. I have not yet received a reply. Presume there has not been time.

I do not know if I can obtain a reduction of R. R. fare to Omaha. I know of

no one thro whose influence I can obtain it on the C.B. & Q. R.R. which is the nearest route from here to Omaha. Will endeavor to do so however.

Yes, I would like an advance of a part of the first quarters salary. If possible would like $75.00

I have received no intelligence of Miss Kumler since my return. Have written her twice. Forwarded the letter sent her to my care to Clinton. But am not certain that she is there.

The thermometer measures 100° in the shade today. Hence the wilted appearance of this note.

Respectfully.

Virginia Dickey

the sweet heat of the sun.

I do not know that I need any Jamini: but it will not be amiss. I could help others with it. if I had it.

Thank you for the offer.

I find my letter is very disconnected and unsatisfactory. I have written it by snatches. while at my work.

Mr. Cort and Miss Stevenson ask to be remembered with kind regards.

Yours respectfully.

M. Virginia Dickey.

Miss Virginia Dickey.

Washington. Utah.
March 23rd 1881.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Dear Mrs. Haines.

Your letter mailed Mar. 4th reached me a week ago. It arrived in W. earlier than that. but I was absent and did not receive it.

Thank you and the Ex. Com. and the H. M. Board for your great kindness. My action in the matter was hardly Presbyterial, I know. but I will submit the matter to the Committee of Utah Presb. as soon as possible.

I am still undecided, however, about leaving the neighborhood. It will be

necessary for me to leave Washington. But I can make my headquarters at St George. and thus visit W. at different times. I feel that this will be the better plan. I do not wish to run a the risk of being sick. So I must leave here. I can not see our work injured by my long absence so think it is better to stay near by. It is very easy for me to go to and fro. as the mail stage passes thro' W. twice a day, going from and back to St G. I frequently visit Miss Stevenson, and she often spends Saturday and Sabbath with me.

You inquired about the furniture for my schoolroom.

I have none. but the seats and a blackboard. No maps charts or any conviniences or help. The room is a pleasant one. I procured the curtains belonging to the windows. Mr. Cook arranged some mottoes at the ends of the room. Thus far we have not taken time to arrange any more.

The building faces south. Has a large piazza in front which covers the second story. The stairway goes up on the piazza. We have thus the whole second floor and a sheltered place for our pupils to stand during the intermissions on stormy days. Of course the children need the out door air and by going on the porch can get it and yet be protected from either storm or

Cort and Miss Stevenson on this subject and they agree with me. They also approve of my plan. Still we all feel that the Board has the right to decide the matter, since I am under its direction and control. Will the Committee please give me the opinion of the Board, as well as its own.

School holds its own. Pupils come and go. Five only have been constant. Average during Jan. five. Not so good as during first quarter. But steadier.

Respectfully.

M. V. Hickey.

Please correct mistake in my initials. They are M. V. not V. A.

Miss M. V. Tickey.

Washington Utah.
Feb. 1st 1881.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Dear Madam.

I am is an item of business I wish to speak to the Committee, which I feel some hesitancy about mentioning. But as it appears to me to be a matter of importance I will venture to do so.

Washington is an unhealthy place, especially during the summer. Dr. Carl and others deem it imprudent for me to remain here during the summer vacation, I think I would be endangering my health, and hence my work, to do so. I have

a plan which I wish to submit to the consideration of the Board. It is this: I would like to go to Salt Lake City to spend the three months of school vacation in studying with Dr. Downing, a physician there. In so doing I would be filling myself for still greater usefulness in my work. There is no physician in this place and I could be of more use by understanding a little of the science of medicine.

Yet I hesitate about taking any active measure without knowing the opinion of the Board. For it may be inclined to withhold salary for that quarter. Because I would hardly be actively engaged in mission work. I feel a delicacy about asking for salary for that time, yet I

can scarcely do without it.

There can be no other prudent course than for me to leave St. during the summer. To that all agree, who know the place. Ague is very prevalent here at all seasons, but especially so during July and Aug. But few escape. One gentleman told me that he was considered proof against any disease, but he was compelled to succumb to "the chills." When strong healthy men are obliged to yield, I cannot hope for any better fate. St George is better in this respect only, that people do not so readily suffer from the effects of miasma. But those who go there expecting to be cured by a change of place are disappointed.

I have talked with Mr.

Virginia Dickey

Winfield Lowa.
Aug. 27. 1880.

Mrs. L. E. Haines.

Dear Madam.

Your letter of Aug. 24. rec'd today. Have allready rec'd a promise of pass on C. & N.W. R.R. from Mr. Oliver. (who, with his wife, is a personal friend of my parents.) to Omaha, from any point.

You did inform me of the reduced rate's having been obtained.

Thanks for the promise of $50.00 for present needs. The drafts have not yet been rec'd. but presume they will be. The amount

will be sufficient. If the
drafts are made out do
not send the additional
$25.00 as I do not really
need it. I only asked
$75.00 that I might
have plenty to cover all
unexpected expenses.

A note from Miss
Kumler received Thursday
of this week, informs me
of her return to her home
in Jacksonsburg, Butler Co.
Ohio.

Respectfully,
Virginia Dickey.

Miss Virginia Dickey
wants advance money—
& ask to go with

Winfield. Iowa.
July 29th '80.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines.

Dear Madam.

Your note of 24th inst. rec'd today. Thanks you for your kindness.

The Iowa City Pres'ty does not hold its session until early in Sept. The certificate from the Pres'ty can be obtained then. Or by writing to each member of it. I will do whichever is considered best.

The session of this church is unacquainted with me. My father removed here during my recent absence, but they can give, and will

probably give me a certificate of membership. at my request. since my membership is sure.

There are several other items of business of which I wish to speak. First as to the time of my going west.

Many reasons unite to make it almost impossible for me to go before Nov. 1st or the middle of Oct. at the earliest.

There two. unless the Society will advance sufficient funds to meet my traveling expenses. I cannot go. My income for the past year is barely sufficient to meet necessary expenses. and provide the few articles I will need before leaving home again.

I borrowed funds to pay expenses in my journey South but must positively refuse to

do so again.

Sis was the time for mail to close. I must thru for this.

Respectfully.

Virginia Dickey.